Production of Pethidine Hydrochloride

633. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of bulk drug Pethidine Hydrochloride consumed in India during 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89;

(b) what was the projected demand of the drug for 1989-90;

(c) who are the indigenous manufacturers of this life saving drug; and

(d) the shortfall in production *vis-a-vis* demand of this drug in the country during the years referred in parts (a) and (b) above ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) The total availability of Pethidine Hcl. during the last four years, year-wise was as given below :—

Year	Availability (Kg.)
1985-86	342
1986-87	613
1987-88	496
1988-89	600

(b) The demand projected for the year 1989-90 was 630 Kgs.

(c) and (d). In the organised sector only M|s. Gluconate has been reporting production of Pethidine Hci. Their production for the last four years alongwith projected demand as per the VII Plan Working Group Report are as given below:—

Year	Production (Kg.)	Demand estimated
1985-86	314	1200
1986-87	404	1320
1987-88	478	1450
1988-89	515	1600

Vacant posts in the Central Health Service

634. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacant posts in the Central Health Service;

(b) what is the establishment-wise break-up of such vacant posts;

(c) whether the list of vacant posts is circulated among the doctors of Central Health Service as and when vacancies arise, if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the number of Central Health Service posts which are vacant for more than one year ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) 498.

(b) The establishment-wise break-up of the vacant posts is given in the Statement

(c) No Sir, as it is not required under the rules.

(d) 233.